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TELEGRAMS.

LABOUR TROUBLES.

MINING CRISIS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
Bombay, Feb. 24, 1.15 a.m.

The owners and the men had separate conferences yesterday morning. Afterwards the owners went to the Foreign Office to discuss the situation with the Cabinet Ministers.

THE CRUCIAL DAY.

The crucial day will be Tuesday when the delegates to the National Miners' Federation, among whom are several extreme men, meet in London finally to decide whether they will accept or reject the proposals which may result from Ministerial conferences.

AN OMINOUS MOVE.

London, Feb. 23, 5.20 p.m.

In view of the coal strikes Messrs. J. P. Coats & Co., of Paisley, have given a fortnight's notice to all their employees. This affects nearly 10,000 persons.

Other firms continue to act similarly.—Reuter.

WILD SCENES IN PARIS.

London, Feb. 23, 4.25 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent in Paris states that the strikers there have placed sulphuric ether bombs in the taxicabs. A series of explosions occurred the whole night long and ten cabs were burned, despite the promptest assistance.

STRONG WORDS.

London, Feb. 23, 2.15 p.m.

Mr. Birrell, speaking at Bristol, said that neither the miners nor the owners would be allowed to act in disregard of the consequences to the nation.

TROOPS FOR RHONDDA.

At Rhondda the magistrates have applied for 1,500 troops. Special constables are being enrolled throughout the county.

TELEGRAMS.

LABOUR TROUBLES.

INTERNATIONAL ACTION.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, Feb. 23, 2.15 p.m.

The International Miners' Executive has concluded its sitting in London. It is announced that they have reached an agreement concerning international action in the event of a strike. A gleam of hope is gathered from the announcement that further coal negotiations may mean at least the postponement of the strike notices.

STILL PREPARING.

Meanwhile, the national preparations for the strike are unrelaxed. The agenda of the conference of the Federation of Transport Workers at Manchester to-day was based on the idea that a strike is certain. Mr. Thorne, M.P., addressing the transport workers at Salford, hoped that every port would refuse to handle a ton of coal from abroad if the miners were not accorded fair and reasonable conditions.—Reuter.

INDIAN CHANGES.

CURZON'S CRITICISM.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, Feb. 23, 4.25 a.m.

In the House of Lords, a two-days' debate on the motion of Lord Curzon criticising the administrative changes in India has been concluded. Lord Lansdowne, in winding up for the Opposition, declared that they would say and do nothing to interfere with the success of the new policy, and none would be better pleased than they if their apprehensions proved groundless.—Reuter.

DIPLOMATIC CHANGES.

EXCHANGE OF POSTS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, Feb. 23, 2.15 p.m.

Ministers Townley at Bucharest and Barclay at Teflis are exchanging posts.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

TEST CRICKET.

ENGLAND BAT FIRST.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, Feb. 23, 10.5 a.m.

In warm, muggy weather, and before a good attendance, England in the fifth test match scored 204 for six wickets. The wicket was perfect. Gunn scored 52 and Woolley 52. Stumps were drawn at 5.40 owing to bad light.—Reuter.

FAMOUS AUSTRALIANS NOT TO VISIT ENGLAND.

London, Feb. 23, 4.25 a.m.

Reuter's Sydney correspondent wires that as Armstrong, Ransford, Carter, Colter and Trumper are insisting on Mr. Frank Laver being appointed manager of the Australian cricket team for the 'Triangular Contests' in England next summer, the Board of Control has cancelled their invitations. Gregory, MacLaren and Hazlett have been selected.

SITUATION. NEARLY HOPELESS.

London, Feb. 23, 5.20 p.m.

Reuter's Sydney correspondent states that Macartney and Webster have been selected for the Australian team in connection with the triangular contest.

The precipitancy in filling the places makes the situation more hopeless. Mr. J. MacGowen, the Premier of New South Wales, is endeavouring to mediate.

If a settlement is not reached Noble, Hill, Laver and the five already mentioned will retire from first class cricket.—Reuter.

CHINA AND TIBET.

A SUGGESTION.

[Our Own Correspondent.]
London, Feb. 23, 10.50 a.m.

Addressing the China Society, Sir Francis Younghusband advised China to exercise an effective control in Tibet, without making it a Chinese province. He strongly recommended a British representative at Lhasa, and declared that the absence of a representative had been responsible for two expeditions.

TELEGRAMS.

BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

ANOTHER SPY INCIDENT.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, Feb. 23, 5.20 p.m.

A seaman, a naturalized Englishman born in Germany, who was arrested at Christiansburg on board H.M.S. Foxhound and charged with espionage, has arrived at Chatham, where he will be tried.—Reuter.

KNOX'S MISSION.

SECRETARY STARTS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, Feb. 23, 0.40 p.m.

A message from Washington states that Secretary Knox has started on his political mission to Central America.—Reuter.

GERMANY'S DEFENCES.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
Bombay, Feb. 24, 7.15 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin states that it is officially announced that the greater part of the fresh defence requirements are to be devoted to the army.—Reuter.

AEROPLANE RECORD.

BRITISH SUCCESS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
Bombay, Feb. 24, 1.15 a.m.

Lieutenant Barrington Kennet flew 240.12 miles on Salisbury Plain, thus establishing a record for a flight with a passenger.—Reuter.

KING AND SPORT.

[Our Own Correspondent.]
London, Feb. 23, 10.50 a.m.

Their Majesties are attending the Army and Navy football match to be held on the Queen's Club ground on March 2.

CANTON'S GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

Brotherly Candour.

In consequence of the proposal made in Canton to elect his elder brother as Governor-General of that City, Dr. Sun Yat-sen has telegraphed to Canton asking that the proposal might be withdrawn. Dr. Sun states that his brother, Sun Mei, is no doubt an honest and straightforward man, but as far as administrative ability is concerned he was not qualified for such an important post. He gave it as his opinion that the Cantonese could do better by asking his brother to work for the promotion of native industries in order to give work to the revolutionary soldiers who will in the course of time be out of employment. He concludes his despatch by saying that, being a native of Kwangtung, Canton is as dear to him as his own brother.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEW CHINA.

TROOPS TO DISBAND.

[From Chinese Sources.]
Shanghai, Feb. 23.

Yuan Shih-kai has telegraphed to the Delegate's Assembly at Nanking asking them to telegraph to the various united provinces to decrease the strength, or if necessary to disband, some of the troops. The telegram also requests the Assembly to telegraph to the united provinces to distinguish the military and civil administrations.

SHUM CHUN-HSUN.

The Kansu residents in Shanghai have begged Dr. Sun Yat-sen to appoint Shum Chun-hsun as Governor General of Kansu.—"Sheng Po."

RAISING FUNDS.

Shanghai, Feb. 23.

Tong Shau-chuen has resigned the commissionership of railways and will soon proceed to the Straits Settlement in connection with the issue of the National loan for the new government, under the direction of Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

THE CAPITAL.

Wong Tin-pin has telegraphed to the Provisional Government at Nanking proposing that Tientsin should be the seat of the new government.

A RUMOUR DENIED.

The report of the assassination of Tam In-hoi, Governor General of Hunan is repudiated.—"Shat Po."

CANTON NEWS.

[Telegraph Correspondent.]
Canton, Feb. 23.

The Public Works Department here has a big scheme on foot for the general improvement of Canton. According to the plans at present under discussion it is intended to make Sikwan the business centre and to remove all the dwelling houses in this locality. The Tartar city will also come in for a fair share of attention. Sheung-moon Tai and Wei O Street will be turned into "Malongs" about 200 feet in width, communicating direct with the inner part of the city while at the same time it is proposed to turn the "God of Mercy's" Hill into a public garden. The necessary surveying is being carried out prior to laying the proposals before the Governor General.

Wong Hing, ex-minister for war to the Nanking Government, has sent a communication to the people of Canton asking them not to bear any grudge against Yuan Shih-kai, the new President. Wong Hing says that the successful termination of the peace negotiations and the abdication of the Throne are entirely due to good offices of Yuan in whose favour Dr. Sun voluntarily resigned. In another telegram Dr. Sun speaks of Yuan as the right man in the right place.

TELEGRAMS.

HOME POLITICS.

BIRRELL AT BRISTOL.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
Bombay, Feb. 24, 1.15 a.m.

Mr. Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, said that Mr. Asquith would introduce the Home Rule Bill which, he was confident, would be supported from one end of Britain to another.

TARIFF REFORM.

London, Feb. 23, 2.15 p.m.

The House of Commons has rejected the Tariff Reform amendment to the Address by 258 votes to 193.—Reuter.

BOXING.

KILBANE'S VICTORY.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, Feb. 23, 4.25 a.m.

A message from Los Angeles states that Johnny Kilbane defeated Abe Attell in a twenty rounds boxing contest for the world's featherweight championship.—Reuter.

HITS AND MISSES.

GUN-LAYERS' TESTS.

[Our Own Correspondent.]
London, Feb. 23, 10.50 a.m.

In the 1911 gun-layers' tests, 190 destroyers made 1,818 direct hits. There were 2,457 misses.

SINGAPORE COLLISION.

A Peculiar Accident.

The following details in connection with the Kybels-Lighting collision, which our Singapore correspondent reported by wire on Feb. 10, are taken from the "Straits Times" of that date:—
In the dark hours before dawn this morning a collision took place between two steamers in the quarantine anchorage. The Apec liner Lightning was lying there over night; the German steamer Kybels, from Samarang, arrived in the very early hours of this morning. Not knowing whether he was liable to be quarantined or not the captain of the Kybels went to the anchorage to await daylight, and on his way to berth he took his vessel across the bows of the Lightning. The powerful current, of which he was unaware, carried his ship on to the Lightning, the heavy bowsprit of which pierced the port side of the Kybels about the bridge, went through the saloon and up through the canvas weather sheaths of the bridge. The Kybels' way then carried her clear, with the Lightning's bowsprit still sticking in her upper works. Beyond that, the Lightning lost her figure-head, while the upper plates of her bows have been burst open. After daylight, the Kybels was piloted to Tanjong Pagar for repairs.

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Parcels will be received at the Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.
For further particulars, apply to
E. A. HEWITT,
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Hongkong, 21st Feb., 1912. [4]

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Hongkong, 23rd September, 1911. [42]

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UNIVERSITY BAZAAR.

The Opening Ceremony of the University Buildings on March 11th, 1912, will be followed by a SIX DAYS' BAZAAR (March 11th to 16th inclusive) in the Buildings and Grounds, in aid of the funds of the University.

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Further details will be published in due course.
Hongkong, 8th February, 1912.

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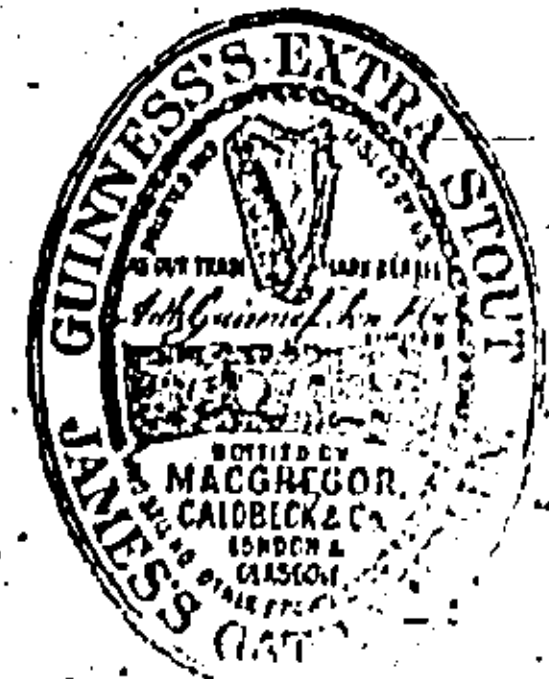
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OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

WHAT THEY THINK.

China Mail.

The Demands of Labour.

It will be a pretty poor day for the United Kingdom should the Labour party obtain the supreme control of affairs, especially if that condition of things also means "free rule" for the Trade Unions. Nothing short of "tyranny" would that mean, the end of which would be chaos and the downfall of the state. For the possession of power does not necessarily imply a widening of the field of vision, and there are few classes harsher in their verdicts on man and things than the class to which the Labour leaders belong. The saddest part of the present labour situation, indeed, is the deliberate manner in which class hatred is fomented and implacable hostility developed between master and man. Instead of labour and capital working together with a mutual object, with mutual trust, and a readiness to give and take, we have the spectacle of a bitter fight from which all the human qualities in human nature are eliminated. If this is the result of universal compulsory education, then all we can say is that universal education has miserably miscarried and completely falsified the hopes of its earliest advocates.

Daily Press.

The Races.

The annual racing festival in which the whole community seems to participate ends to-day. Glancing recently over a volume of one of the magazines which flourished in the Colony in the Sixties we lighted on the following reference to the Jockey Club races of the early days: "It is only in Urpy Valleys— if, indeed, beneath the moon there is other such—that we can see horse races without an excess of horsiness and of 'sporting men.' We know the owners of the quadrupeds, we know their riders, we are tolerably safe from pick-pockets and unbecomingly by. Thimblor. Altogether it is not, candidly now, better than racing in England?" The question can still be unhesitatingly answered in the affirmative, although conditions on the English race courses are now probably not so unattractive to the average citizen as they were when those lines were written. The social character of the Hongkong race meeting has not lost anything of the charm it possessed forty years ago. "Serial titles" are still the order of the day, and when the races take place "all in the blue unclouded weather," as happily is usually the case, the enclosure is still "parterre of colours," for apart from the displays of bursting on the stands, the ladies are there—and few ladies can be induced to think of attending the races without a new dress for the occasion.

South China Morning Post.

The Hand of Friendship.

It is the duty of all good citizens, in England and in Germany, to see that so far as they can exert any influence truth does get a fair chance; and of politicians to consider their country's interests before their own and resolutely suppress any tendency to wild and thoughtless declamation which may begot a real peril, for the careless word only too often reaches receptive ears. The visit of Lord Haldane to Berlin, invested with a momentous significance, has gone far towards establishing a real and lasting friendship, and we have the German Imperial Chancellor's assurance that the exchange of views which took place, so frank and exhaustive, was gladly welcomed in Germany. Now comes the report, not yet confirmed, that some agreement is being arranged, to be embodied in "a kind of protocol," which will set to the position of the two Governments on problems of mutual importance. We trust such a happy outcome of the present international discussions will indeed be forthcoming. Britain and Germany have much to gain by being good friends.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR
LIABILITIES, DUTIES
AND POWERS.

(Continued from last Saturday.)

The following is a continuation of last week's article with reference to the issue of a prospectus. The last article dealt principally with the law on the subject prior to the new Ordinance coming into force. That which appears below deals with the present law, which is now the same here, as it is in England. The extreme importance of the fullest particulars being disclosed in the prospectus is emphasized, and the liabilities, both civil and criminal, of a director for misstatements in a prospectus is pointed out.

The Section required full disclosure, as to names and dates to be made of every kind of contract, written or verbal (*Capit v. Sinc's Co.* 58 L. T. 807), which related to the affairs of the Company, and which it was in any way material to an applicant for shares to know. An omission to make such disclosure rendered a director liable to repay the shareholder the amount he had paid for his shares (*Twyford v. Grant* 2 C. P. D. 460).

Provisions similar to those of the Home Act of 1908 having now been introduced into a new Companies Ordinance in Hongkong, it will be necessary for the protection of directors in the future that the prospectus of a Company hereafter incorporated shall state (1), the contents of the Memorandum, (2), the qualification, remuneration (if fixed), and names and addresses of the directors, (3), the minimum subscription on which the directors may go to allotment, (4), the names and addresses of the vendors of any property purchased by, or for, the Company, and the amount paid, or to be paid, therefor, in cash or shares, or otherwise, (5), the amount of the preliminary expenses, and the amount intended to be paid to any promoter, (6), the dates of, and parties to, any material contract, (7), the names and addresses of the auditors (if any), (8), full particulars of the nature and extent of the interest (if any) of every director in the property acquired by the Company, and other particulars set out in Section 81 of the Act and Section 83 of the new Ordinance. And a director will be held liable to pay compensation to all persons who subscribe for shares on the faith of the prospectus for any loss they may sustain by reason of untrue statements therein, unless it is proved that the director had reasonable ground to believe, and did believe, the truth of such statements, or unless the prospectus was issued without his knowledge or consent, of which fact he has given reasonable public notice.

The liability of a director for non-compliance with the provisions of the Act, which require the above particulars to be inserted in a prospectus, are modified by Section 81 s. 2 (b) of the Act of 1908, Section 83 s. 2 (b) of the new Ordinance whereby it is provided that he shall not be liable for such non-compliance, if he proves that—

(a) as regards any matter not "disclosed, he was not cognizant thereof, or—

(b) the non-compliance arose "from an honest mistake of fact "on his part."

The latter provision, it is conceived, does not assist to free a director from liability for an actual misstatement of fact, but only for an honest mistake of fact which induced him to omit the

insertion, in the prospectus, of an existing fact. A man may be negligent, and yet honest, in permitting a misstatement to be made, but if he had no reasonable grounds for believing in its truth, he cannot escape liability under the provisions of Section 83 of the Ordinance (84 of the Act of 1908).

An interesting case on the subject of the liability of directors for misrepresentation, or non-disclosure of material facts, in a prospectus, has recently been shorty reported (*In re Christianville Rubber Estates, Ltd.* (1911) W. N. 216) in which it was held that the directors were not liable, partly because of the delay on the part of the Plaintiff in taking proceedings. The facts of the case were that one of the directors had purchased for £1,000 the property which was, only three months later, sold by him to a Syndicate, by which it was sold to the Company for £51,000. In the prospectus the contracts between this director and the Syndicate, and between the latter and the Company, were disclosed, but the fact was not disclosed that one director had purchased the property so recently for only £1,000. The Plaintiff was put upon enquiry as to this fact, but took no steps until November. The judge held that "there must be more than non-disclosure; proof before a court of law is required that the non-disclosure is the non-disclosure of something the disclosure of which would falsify 'something in the prospectus.'"

And he further held that the fact of the Plaintiff disinterested him to the relief which he claimed. In addition to his liability under the Companies Act, and in Hongkong, under the Companies Ordinance, for misstatements in the prospectus, a director may further be liable to be prosecuted criminally for a misdemeanour under the provisions of the Larceny Act 1861, Section 84, which provisions were introduced into Hongkong of Ordinance No. 5 of 1865, Section 71.

It is also expressly provided by Section 259 of the new Ordinance (Section 281 of the Act of 1908) that a person shall be guilty of a misdemeanour if he wilfully makes a statement false in any material particular, knowing it to be false, in any of the documents required for the purposes of those provisions of the Ordinance which are specified in the Fourth Schedule thereto.

These documents are as follows—

(1) The statutory declaration to be made by the Solicitor, or a director or the secretary, of a Company of compliance with the requirements of the Ordinance in respect of and incidental to the registration of the Company (Section 18).

(2) The list to be delivered to the Registrar of persons who have consented to act as directors, and have undertaken to procure their qualification shares (Section 73).

(3) The statutory declaration by the secretary or a director as to the allotment of, and payment for, shares, to be filed for the purpose of obtaining the Registrar's Certificate entitling the Company to commence business (Section 89).

(4) The return as to allotments to be filed with the Registrar, stating the number and amount of allotments, names of allottees, etc. (Section 90).

(5) The report of the directors to be forwarded to each member 7 days before the first statutory meeting (Section 60).

(6) The summary to be contained in the annual list of members to be made before each annual general meeting, so far as it relates to the particulars as to directors, and mortgage debts, and the statement in the form of a balance sheet (Section 27).

(7) The auditors' report and the balance sheet to be laid before the Company in general meeting (Section 114).

(8) The statement in lieu of a prospectus to be filed with the

Registrar where no prospectus is issued (Section 84).

(9) The particulars to be sent to the Registrar of all mortgages and charges of the Company's property (Section 95).

(10) The abstract of receipts and payments to be filed by a receiver and manager (Section 97).

(11) The notice of appointment of a liquidator in a voluntary winding up.

(12) The notice to creditors to be given by such liquidator.

(13) The certified copy of the Charter, Statute or Memorandum and Articles of a Company incorporated outside the Colony, but establishing a place of business within the Colony, to be filed with the Registrar, together with a list of the directors, and the name of some resident in the Colony authorised to accept service. Also the annual balance sheet of such a Company to be filed with the Registrar (Section 252).

(To be continued.)

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The proprietor of the "Hongkong Telegraph" has decided to continue during February his offer of two prizes for the best photographs submitted to the editor by amateur photographers during the month.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1912.

THE ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

To all intents and purposes the race meeting for 1912 is over, and it has proved by no means the least successful of a long series. At this annual carnival is seen the real Hongkong, every grade and section of society is represented, from the humblest of Chinese to the Governor of the Colony. And it is good to note that the Chinese, present in greater numbers than usual, not less than the foreigners who have long since acquired a taste for the sport of Kings, showed a keen and active interest in the racing. That there is at least one event in the year in which every class in the Colony may share enjoyment cannot fail to be a good thing for the communal life of the Colony. The point is so evident that it need not be laboured.

But the strongest and most satisfying reflection in the minds of racegoers who have enjoyed the events of the week is that the racing is clean, straight, removed high and above suspicion of any kind. It is not so everywhere; it is not so at home. Whether justified or not, unfortunate doings are hinted at, little whiffs of maledictory gossip are commonly abroad. Sometimes, indeed, matters become so grave that the stewards of the Jockey Club take action, and the sporting world is shocked by the sight of a jockey suspended or an owner warned off. It is shocked because the sporting man is a clean and straight man. Whether peer or ironworker, whether racing horses or slipping whippets, the true sportsman at heart is above shady tactics. The others who are crookedly are merely sportsmen by courtesy. And it is a comforting thought that, as racing is conducted here in Hongkong, the foul breath of suspicion can never rest upon owners, jockeys, or supporters of the sport. There can be no cleaner racing anywhere in the world than here.

It is customary for the rigidly righteous to say that directly considerable sums of money attend the result of any sporting event, there are probabilities of shady work entering in. An answer to that, complete and full, is furnished by the Champion Stakes decided yesterday. A very considerable sum fell to the fortunate possessor of a certain ticket, but only a man at once pious and fool would venture the absurdly infamous suggestion that the amount hanging on the sweep would or could affect the result. Whether nine or nine thousand dollars hang on the issue, each race here is run out squarely and with the utmost determination. We have dwelt on this matter not because the purity of the racing is likely to be questioned, but because it is established and accepted, because Hongkong sets a pattern in true sport to some other places, and because a fact so comforting is worth dwelling upon, for once in a way, with pride and satisfaction.

DAY BY DAY.

Next to excellence is the appreciation of it.

To-day's Paper.

Some interesting photographic notes appear on page 8, where also will be found the short sermon. The series on Directors is continued on page 3.

Pala Dara Raj, medical assistant of Taiipo, New Territories, has been appointed a public vaccinator.

A lot of Crown Land situated in Mei Lan Street will be sold by public auction at the offices of the Public Works Department on Monday, March 4.

At the Magistrate's this morning a republican soldier was fined \$50, for being in possession of a revolver without the necessary legal permit. The fine was paid.

Through the courtesy of the officers of the German Flagship Scharnhorst, the orchestra connected therewith will render selections at the Grand Hotel, to-night during dinner.

An announcement in our advertising columns states that during the absence of Mr. Shelton Hooper, who left for Home yesterday, Mr. M. S. Northcott will act as Secretary of the Hongkong Land Investment Co.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society will be held in the City Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 5.15 p.m. Mr. A. H. Harris will preside and the Right Rev. Bishop W. Banister and the Rev. G. H. Bondfield, Agent of the Society, will deliver addresses. All friends are cordially invited.

It is notified in the Gazette, in regard to the Admiralty Coaling Cannon, Kowloon, that piles will be driven to mark the foundations of the Breakwater to be extended, the position of which will be indicated by red discs during daylight and by red lights from sunset to sunrise and that access to the Cannon should be to the southward of such piles.

Gun Practice.

Sub-calibre Practice will be carried out as follows:—25th and 27th instant, from Pakshawan, in a N. to N.E. direction, from 6.30 p.m. to midnight, March 1 from Lower Belchers, in a N. to W. direction, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Bishop.

The Bishop of Victoria is announced to preach at the Cathedral to-morrow morning at 11 a.m., when there will be held the annual parade service of the Hongkong Volunteers. He is also taking a confirmation, and preaching at St. Andrew's, Kowloon, at 6 p.m.

New Ordinance.

His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinance:—Ordinance No. 48 of 1911 entitled—An Ordinance to amend the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1890, and certain Ordinances amending the same.

A Strange Excuse.

At the Magistrate's this morning, Mr. Irving ordered a man to pay \$100, or go to prison for six weeks with hard labour for having in his possession a quantity of opium dross.

Defendant said that when the sergeant was searching for arms he put the dross in the basket by mistake.

Spurious Money.

At the Racecourse, yesterday, a man foolishly thought that he could take advantage of the shroffs at the betting booths. During the rush and excitement he endeavoured to pass spurious money. He did not allow for the shrewdness of the man with whom he had to deal and the result was that he was arrested.

At the Magistrate's this morning, he was given an opportunity of explaining the matter away, but failed to convince the Bench that he was not guilty and a fine of \$51 was imposed. The money was paid.

JOCKEY CLUB RACES.

OFF-DAY.

Saturday, February 24, 1902.

Stewards:—H.E. Sir F. J. D. Lurgard, K.C.M.G., Q.B., D.S.O., H. E. Vice-Admiral Sir A. T. Winslow, R.N., K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G., H.E. Maj-General C. A. Anderson, C.B., Commodore C. J. Eyres, R.N., the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Kt., O.M.G., the Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross, T. S. Forrest, G. Friesland, H. J. Gedgo, Capt. H. R. Hughes, Henry Humphreys, C. Gordon Mackie, N. J. Stabb and H. P. White.

Stewards in charge of the Scale:—The Hon. Mr. C. H. Ross and C. Gordon Mackie.

Handicapper:—H. P. White.

Judge:—H.E. Maj-General C. A. Anderson.

Assistant Judge:—Capt. H. K. Hughes.

Starter:—H. J. Gedgo.

Second Starter:—M. W. Slade.

Time Keeper:—M. S. Sassoon.

Hon. Treasurer:—R. C. Edwards.

Clerk of the Course:—T. F. Hough.

Despite the fact that to-day was the "off day," there was a capital attendance and the weather was ideal. The sun was shining gloriously all the morning and the track was much faster than on either of the preceding days. The card contained seven events which brought out good fields. Racing was good and on the whole the "off day" was a great success.

The first race on the card fell to Cadzow's Loon who ran in his customary sprightly manner over a sprint distance. Mr. Jervois nursing him nicely. Mr. Anger was very fortunate not to have been seriously hurt when the Straggler bolted and collided with the rails. The second race from start to finish was at the mercy of Norman Chief, who practically provided an armchair mount for Mr. Knoll. He was a popular favourite and had many supporters to whom he never gave a moment's uneasiness.

THE RACING.

The "Hay and Corn" Stakes.—

Value \$200. For all subscription griffins that have run at this meeting and not won a race. Weight for inches as per scale. To be ridden by jockeys who have not had more than two winning mounts in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin.

Unplaced runners allowed 5 lb.

Entrance \$5 to go to second pony. Half a mile.

Mr. T. F. Hough's Cadzow's Loon, 10st. 12lb. (Jervois) 1

Mr. Friesland's Rheinland 10st. 10lb. (Hastings) 2

Mr. Wally's Fanning 11st. 11lb. (Master) 3

Mr. Brutton's Ashington 10st. 12lb. (Owner) 0

Mrs. Ellis Kadoorie's Kushi-miri Chief 10st. 7lb. (Lewis) 0

Mr. Soares Signal Boy, 10st. 10lb. (Seth) 0

Mr. Aco's The Straggler 10st. 7lb. (Asker) 0

Mr. Doleful's Tomahawk 11st. 11lb. (Beith) 0

(\$5 lbs allowance)

The Straggler bolted previous to the start and in making for the enclosure collided with the rails. Neither jockey nor pony was injured, however. After fifteen minutes delay Fanning got the lead from the fall of the flag accompanied by Kushi-miri Chief and Fanning. At the village bend Ashington took command with Cadzow's Loon second. Entering the straight Cadzow's Loon challenged the leader and the former running in grand style secured the verdict by a length from Rheinland, a similar distance separating second and third.

Time 1 min. 2.2.5 sec.

Cash Sweep:—

Ticket No. 241 \$1710.45

Ticket No. 80 \$488.70

Ticket No. 66 \$244.35

Dividend:—

Winner \$45.30

Place 1 19.20

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The Admiral's Prize. Presented by His Excellency Vice Admiral Sir Alfred L. Winslow, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G. (Ladies' Nomination). A Handicap for all China Ponies that may be started at this Meeting. Second to receive 60 per cent. and third 40 per cent. of the Entrance Fees. Entrance \$5. One mile and a quarter. The Donor of the Cup has also kindly presented a prize for the Lady Nominating the Winner, no Lady to nominate more than one Pony.

Mr. John Peel's Drumthitio, 11st. 7lb. Miss Tames (Hayes) 1

Capt. Hope's Cleric, 10st. 12lb. Mrs. Grone 2

Mr. Kenrick's Kerry, 10st. 12lb. Mrs. A. O. Lang (Knoll) 3

Mr. W. J. Gresson's Rosyth, 10st. 12lb. Mrs. Gresson (Masters) 0

Mr. Soares Diabolini, 11st. 5lb. Mrs. Soares (Dalgarno) 0

Subscription griffins of this

season allowed 10 lb. Jockeys who have not had more than two winning mounts in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong or China allowed 7 lb. Allowances not accumulative. Off-day winner barred. Entrance \$5 to go to Second Pony. Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Norman Chief, 10st. 10lb. (Knoll) 1

Mr. Ellis Kadoorie's Mogul Chief, 10st. 5lb. (Hayes) 2

Mr. Forest's Rejected, 10st. 7lb. (Dupree) 3

Mr. Colles Browne's Dyll-man 10st. 8lb. (Owner) 0

Mr. Soares's Snowstorm, 10st. 10lb. (Dalgarno) 0

Mr. Downham's Chibby, 10st. 5lb. (Lewis) 0

7lbs. allowance.

10lbs. allowance.

5lb. allowance.

11lb. over.

Chibby got the better of a very poor start but was soon overtaken by Snowstorm who in turn had to resign the lead to Norman Chief. Thus they ran until rounding the home bend where Mogul Chief and Rejected came into prominence. Mr. Knoll had not to extend Norman Chief and won comfortably by two lengths, half a length separating second and third.

Time: 1 min 35 sec.

Cash Sweep:—

Ticket No. 268 \$1278.90

" 144 305.40

" 161 182.07

Dividend Winner \$16.40

Places 1 5.80

" 2 5.90

" 3 5.50

The "Also Ran" Stakes.—Value \$200. For subscription griffins of this season that have run at this meeting and not been placed. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have not had more than two winning mounts in Hongkong, Shanghai or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount in Hongkong or China allowed 7 lb. Off day winners barred. Entrance \$5 to go to Second Pony. One Mile.

Mr. Ching's Lot's o' Time, 10st. 10lb. (Kremer) 1

Mr. Borneo's Sumpitan, 11st. 11lb. (Dupree) 2

Mr. Seth's Deerfoot, 10st. 10lb. (Owner) 3

Mr. Thomas' Cress, 10st. 12lb. (Dalgarno) 0

Mr. F. B. Marshall's Lime Tree, 11st. 4lb. (Knoll) 0

5lbs. over.

Cress led practically all the way with Lots o' Time and Deerfoot next and Sumpitan last. Rounding the home bend Lime Tree had finished and Deerfoot ran wide. Lots o' Time was challenged in the straight by Sumpitan but the verdict was in safe keeping. Lot's o' Time winning by half a length, a head separating second and third.

Time 2 min. 16 sec.

Cash Sweep:—

Ticket No. 241 \$1710.45

Ticket No. 80 \$488.70

Ticket No. 66 \$244.35

Dividend:—

Winner \$45.30

Place 1 19.20

do. 2 7.00

The Admiral's Prize. Presented by His Excellency Vice Admiral Sir Alfred L. Winslow, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G. (Ladies' Nomination). A Handicap for all China Ponies that may be started at this Meeting. Second to receive 60 per cent. and third 40 per cent. of the Entrance Fees. Entrance \$5. One mile and a quarter. The Donor of the Cup has also kindly presented a prize for the Lady Nominating the Winner, no Lady to nominate more than one Pony.

Mr. John Peel's Drumthitio, 11st. 7lb. Miss Tames (Hayes) 1

Capt. Hope's Cleric, 10st. 12lb. Mrs. Grone 2

Mr. Kenrick's Kerry, 10st. 12lb. Mrs. A. O. Lang (Knoll) 3

Mr. W. J. Gresson's Rosyth, 10st. 12lb. Mrs. Gresson (Masters) 0

Mr. Soares Diabolini, 11st. 5lb. Mrs. Soares (Dalgarno) 0

Subscription griffins of this

Notes and Comments.

The Races.

The races just concluded deserve a note concerning winning owners, jockeys, and ponies. Sir Paul leads the list of winning owners with seven firsts, five seconds, and three thirds. His ponies were generally there, or thereabout. Mr. J. Peel, who opened the meeting with a brace of winners, follows with five firsts, Mr. Gresson with four, and Capt. Hope with three. Mr. Soares' two firsts and a second were gained with one pony—Diabolini—and all Captain Hope's wins were secured through the medium of Capello. This pony by winning three races—including the Champion Stakes, to the surprise of many—heads the list of winning ponies. In the thirty races decided, Johnstone had nine wins and was placed in 22 events, but as he had no mount in three of the races, it will be seen that he was unplaced in only five races during the three days. He was the best equipped jockey of the lot in respect of riding tackle. Mr. Barkill comes second with seven wins, six seconds and three thirds. The others have more modest totals. It is worth noting that Johnstone had no mount in the Champion Stakes, and that Barkill was similarly idle while the Ladies' Purse was being decided.

Triangular Cricket.

All lovers of cricket will be distressed that triangular cricket should be shadowed at the very beginning by this lamentable quarrel among the Australians. The whole affair seems sorid enough, and the fact that the disagreement between some of the players and the Board of Control reduces itself to a money question throws a rather unpleasant light upon the view taken by some of the Australian players of their responsibilities. They do not pretend to think that they are proud to be chosen to represent their country in the national game. With cynical indifference to public opinion, they let it be seen that the main attraction is the gate-money, and that their own main concern is that they should secure as much of it as possible, without unpleasant questions being asked. Truly it is a lamentable disclosure.

A Wise Step.

According to one of the Chinese telegrams we publish to-day President Yuan Shih-kai has signified his accession to power by a shrewd step. He has recommended the reduction or disbandment of the troops in the United Provinces. The menace that the maintenance of a large body of armed men, with no very rigid idea of discipline, animated by provincial prejudices and possibly by a sense of loyalty to their immediate leaders, would be in the existing state of transition has been referred to before now, and it is a hopeful sign that the now President is losing no time in seeking to secure its removal. Equally wise is his suggestion that there should be a clear definition of the duties of the civil and military administration respectively in each province. While the revolution was in progress it was inevitable that the military should exercise supreme control, for obvious reasons; this could not be allowed to continue now, peace has been restored. It remains, however, to be seen whether the erstwhile revolutionaries repose the trust in their new President that obedience to his wishes would denote. It is not impossible that Yuan will be requested simultaneously to disband what were formerly the Imperialist forces.

A Far-Away Echo.

This quaint, small echo of the revolution in China comes from Buenos Ayres. It is an advertisement in a Buenos Ayres paper:—

In commemoration of the victory of the revolutionary forces in Nanking, the firm of Wong Lee and Company have resolved, with a view to favouring their customers, to make a further reduction on the already extremely low prices of the fancy articles, suitable as Christmas and New Year's gifts.

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Carlos Pellegrini 500, Annex.

Corner of Lavalle, Lavalle 1523.

CELEBRATING THE REPUBLIC.

Rioting in Sourabaya.

The vernacular press of Hongkong received a telegram from a society of Chinese residents in Java stating that the New Year was celebrated in Sourabaya with the hoisting of flags and the letting off of firecrackers. It is reported that the Dutch police interfered, with the result that a riot occurred. The police fired on the rioters, killing three and wounding many others. About one hundred were arrested, the premises of the book and newspaper society were sealed up, and telegraphic communication with the outposts was cut off.

The Chinese at once went on strike, but the matter was taken firmly in hand and the shopkeepers were forced to resume business. According to the source whence the telegram emanates, the situation in Sourabaya is serious, and it is urged that the Governor-General of Canton should be prevailed upon to take the matter up. "Shat Po."

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral.—25th February, 1st Sunday in Lent. Holy Communion 8.15 a.m. Matins 11 a.m. Responses, Feriat; Venite, Ouseley; Psalms of the 25th morning; Benedictus, Hopkins, Elvey, Hopkins; Benedictus, Barnby; Hymns, 29, 90, 259; Preacher, The Bishop of Victoria. Evensong 5.45 p.m. Responses, Feriat; Psalms of the 25th evening; Magnificat, Nune Dimititis, Goss in A; Anthem, "The Will-doness," Goss; Hymns, 18 and 94; Sevenfold Amen.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, First Sunday in Lent 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning prayer and sermon; Venite, Ouseley; Psalms, 119 (Jones and Lemmon); Te Deum, Hayes, Russell, Stainer; Jubilate, Goldson; Hymns, 182, 92, 278, 269; 6 p.m., Evening prayer and sermon; Psalms, Purcell, Garrett; Walmisley, Turle; Nune Dimititis, Barnby; Confirmation Service; Hymns, 349, 207, 280, 271.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanohai.—Divine Service, Morning 10.15; Evening, 8.

Garrison Divine Service. Divine Service will be conducted as follows:—Church of England, Victoria, Cathedral, 9.15 a.m.; Rev. H. O. Spink; Distention Barrack, 12 noon. Chaplain, R. N.; Stoucutters, Barracks, Under Orders, Senior Officer, Military Hospital, Bowen Road, 6 p.m.; Chaplain, Lyman, Barracks, Under Orders, Senior Kowloon, St. Andrew's Church, 11 a.m., Offg. Clergyman, Mount Austin, Barracks. Baptist congregationalist, Presbyterian, Union Church, 11 a.m., Offg. Officer; Clergyman; Wesleyan, Wesleyan Church, 10.15 a.m., Offg. Clergyman, Roman Catholic, Victoria, St. Joseph's Church, 10 a.m., Offg. Clergyman, Kowloon, Rosary Church, 9 a.m., Offg. Clergyman.

German Chapel.—There will be no service at the German Chapel to-morrow morning. Service will be conducted on the German Flagship Scharnhorst, and launch will leave Murray Pier at 9.30 a.m.

COMPANY REPORT.

The Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.

The following is the report of the board of directors to be presented at the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Company's Hotel, at 12.30 p.m., on Saturday, March 2, 1912:—

To the shareholders of the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.:—
Gentlemen,—The directors beg to submit their report for the half-year ended December 31, 1911.

Accounts.—The profit on working account amounted to \$39,952.26 as compared with \$46,323.56 for the corresponding period of 1911, being a decrease of \$6,371.30.

The profit and loss account, including the sum of \$21,740.21 brought forward from last half-year, shows a credit balance of \$58,089.89, which the directors recommend should be appropriated as follows:—

To pay a dividend of—

\$3.00 per

share on

12,000 old

shares.....\$36,000

\$1.50 per

share on

8,000 new

shares.....\$12,000

To write off Furniture

and Fixtures Ac-

count..... 5,000.00

To write off Installation

of Electric

Light Account..... 5,000.00

To write off Steam

Laundry Account ... 500.00

To carry forward to

New Account..... 189.89

\$58,089.89

Property.—No. 13 Wellington

Street was purchased in Septem-

ber, 1911, as an addition to ser-

vants' quarters.

Directors.—Mr. W. Hutton

Potts retires by rotation, but

offers himself for re-election.

Audit.—The accounts have

been audited by Messrs. H. U.

Jeffries and A. R. Lowe, C.A.,

who offer themselves for re-election.

Edward Osborne,

Chairman.

Profit and Loss Account.

For the six months ending

December 31, 1911.

To Bad and Doubtful

Debts..... \$502.20

" Crown Rent..... 508.92

" Rates..... 3,768.76

" Fire Insurance..... 3,823.25

" Interest..... 26,516.33

" Directors' and Audi-

tors' Fees..... 3,200.00

" Repairs and Re-

newals etc, balance

as per Statement..... 1,889.45

" Balance..... 58,089.89

\$98,895.80

By Balance from June,

30, 1911..... \$91,901.81

Less Divi-

dend..... \$48,000.00

Less Transferred to

Repairs and Re-

newals ac-

count \$10,000.00

Less Written off

Furniture and

Fixtures

etc \$11,461.60

\$69,146.10

\$21,740.21

Rents of Shops and "Hotel Man-

sions"..... 37,040.00

Dividends on shares

in Public Com-

panies..... 64.00

Scrap Fees..... 21.00

Bad Debts recovered..... 78.33

Profit on Hotel Work-

ing Account for the

six months ending

December, 1911..... 39,952.26

\$ 98,895.80

Repairs and Renewals Account

For the six months ending

December 31, 1911.

To Payments on account

of repairs and re-

newals during the

half year ending

Dec. 31, 1911..... \$11,889.45

\$11,889.45

By Amount transferred

from Profit and Loss

Account, as recom-

mended in last Re-

port..... \$10,000.00

" Transferred to Profit

Loss Account..... 1,889.45

\$11,889.45

Balance Sheet, December 31, 1911.

Liabilities:

Capital:—

12,000 old

shares at

\$50 each

(fully paid-

up)..... \$600,000.00

8,000 new

shares at

\$25 each,

paid up ... 200,000.00

\$800,000.00

1,500 mort-

gage deben-

tures (6 per

cent.) at

\$500 each, 750,000.00

Less 408

held by the

Company... 204,000.00

546,000.00

Reserve Fund..... 648,975.78

Sundry Creditors... 32,807.07

Unclaimed Dividends, 1,780.10

Hongkong & Shang-

hai Banking Corpora-

tion (Current Account) 368,565.86

Profit and Loss

Account, balance as

per Statement..... 58,689.89

\$2,456,818.70

Assets:

Value of properties,

as per last ac-

count..... \$2,146,398.69

Re-building of the

South Block, final

payments..... 10,200.21

Cost of No. 13 Wel-

lington Street ... 15,000.00

2,171,598.90

Furniture

and Fixtures,

as per last

account..... 173,575.81

Less writ-

ten off, as per

last report... 11,461.60

162,206.21

Since added

10,142.10

172,438.31

Installation of Elec-

tric Light, as

per last account

..... 9,278.69

Since

added 11,022.52

20,301.21

Hotel Steam Launch,

as per last account

..... 3,500.00

Shares in Public

Companies, as per

last account..... 4,371.31

Stock of Linen,

Crockery, Glass-

ware, Wines, Pro-

visions, &c., as per

inventories..... 39,838.08

Licenses, attaching

to 1912..... 901.66

Sundry Debtors..... 43,573.22

Cash in hand..... 296.01

\$2,456,818.70

Edward Osborne,

W. Hutton Potts,

Directors.

C. Mooney,

Secretary.

We report that we have audited

the above Balance Sheet with the

Books, Vouchers and Securities of

the Company and that in our

opinion such Balance Sheet is

properly drawn up so as to ex-

hibit a true and correct view of

the state of the Company's affairs

at December 31, 1911, accord-

ing to the best of our informa-

tion and the explanations given

us, and as shown by the Books of

the Company. We have obtained

all the information and explana-

tions we have required.

H. U. Jeffries,

A. R. Lowe, C.A.,

Auditors.

Hongkong February 15, 1912.

DON'T FORGET.

Sunday, Feb. 25.

Volunteer Parade Service at

St. John's Cathedral, 11 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 26.

Band at the H. K. Club Skat-

ing Association.

Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Hongkong Benevolent Society

meeting City Hall, noon.

Hongkong Auxiliary, British

and Foreign Bible Society, annu-

meeting, City Hall, 5.15 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 28.

Hongkong Ice Co. meeting,

noon.

Y. M. C. A. Annual meeting.

Friday, March 1.

Horticultural Society Show.

Saturday, March 2.

Half-yearly meeting Hongkong

Hotel Co., Ltd., 12.30 p.m.

POKFULUM WATER SUPPLY.

The discussion which took place at last week's meeting of the Sanitary Board on the Pokfulum water supply while bringing to light all the facts, emphasised only one, and that was the possibility of contamination. With an area of 416 acres, containing 50 European houses, with quarters for hundreds of attendants, with well frequented roads and the casual habits of the scavenging coolie, it is next to impossible that such a catchment can be anything but questionable, or that the water therefrom could be regarded with anything but suspicion. In fact, as far back as January, 1910, Col. Bedford remarked in a minute on the subject: "I maintain that Pokfulum area stands condemned in the eyes of all practical men, and the sooner that steps are taken to extend the other sources of water supply to the Colony, and the closing of this most suspicious one, the better."

This extract appears in the report made by the Government bacteriologist on the Pokfulum supply, and on the same page is to be found the following passage:—

"Under these circumstances, it is impossible to regard the area as in any way ideal, the casual habits of the night soil coolies, etc., are too well known; on the other hand there is no apparent good reason for condemning the catchment area as long as careful supervision is kept over it and efficient storage and filtration carried out."

Reading between the lines it would appear that water from a suspected area may be considered fit for domestic purposes, conditional upon its having been adequately stored and efficiently filtered.

It is here that the allegation of contamination can be followed closely with a further suggestion that neither storage nor filtration is carried out with that thoroughness which is to be expected. There is an admission in the report that in times of wet weather a considerable amount of water that finds its way into the mains has not been admitted into the reservoir for storage but, led directly to the filter beds. The importance of storing water is that while filtration is a purely mechanical process for removing matter in suspension, storage has the primary effect of extinguishing the life of microbes of epidemic water-borne disease, such as the typhoid bacillus and the cholera vibrio. It can be readily understood that in wet weather much of the water, that reaches the filter beds has flowed over the surface of the ground, rather than percolated through it, and has had many opportunities of gathering to itself the types of bacilli that are universal, and of dissolving all the soluble products of decomposing vegetation. It can be easily understood, therefore, that a certain amount of risk must exist everywhere, but in a case where the condition practically presupposes contamination, the fact that this important process is neglected calls for comment. It may be said that the demand for water in the city is responsible for the non-storage, and the remedy in this case would seem to be to find another area where the risk will not be so great if there be no storage occasionally. As it stands at present it would not be unjust to say that during wet weather the surface washings of the catchment area are filtered straight away and sent into the mains regardless of the interesting biological possibilities that such water may be fraught with.

If this were not enough the filtration itself does not seem to be all that could be desired. It must not be thought that the beds are not correct; there is nothing to justify any such assumption. There is an admission, however, that filtration is not as effective as at home, and the only reason that can be found seems to be that filtration is far too rapid. A paragraph states: "As regards rates of filtration, 400-500 yards gallons appears to give as good a filtrate as 250-400 does; there is, however, no reason to believe that a rate of 700-800 yards gallons, as is sometimes used, would be effective." On this point it is interesting to note that

during the past year out of six filter beds at West Point, only one ever filtered less than 500 yards gallons per day on the monthly average and that only during three months. All the rest filtered on the average more than 500 yards gallons and in no fewer than six cases the average worked out higher than 800, the highest being 893 yards gallons per day.

The answer of those advocating the attention of the Pokfulum supply, would still appear to be the old one that the supply is necessary and that there is no alternative but to use the water from this area. It may be even said that it is necessary to filter the water at nearly double the usual rate. If that be so the sooner the necessity is obviated the better and it is clear that work at Tytan Tuk should be put afoot with the least possible delay. The question of cost does not enter into the matter to any great extent. We have heard it said that it would pay the government to do away with the Pokfulum area on the grounds that were that done much more land would be available for development on the Peak. Be that as it may the facts remain that the catchment area has been under suspicion since 1910 at least, that storage is not invariably efficient and that filtration is carried on much too rapidly.

DISAPPOINTED SMUGGLERS.

Gibraltar "Trade" Threatened With Extinction.

There is a possibility that a flourishing industry in the bay of Gibraltar will soon receive its death blow. Smugglers, who have carried on their trade for years, are protesting that it is not fair to them to build the new road between Campamento to La Linea. Besides, they argue, there is the fact that the road has been talked of for the last 60 years. Why should it be made now? To carry out a plan which has been proposed for half a century is the Spanish way, and if the road is constructed the beach will be illuminated all night. This is what worries the smugglers. They have so often met the carabinieri under cover of darkness that a friendship between the law and the law-evaders has sprung up.

The pay of the smugglers is half the profits and the chance of being captured, but a greater fear is that of robbers, who lie in wait till the cargo is well on the way. Because of the risk the price of tobacco goes up as one goes inland, and men who have their tunics packed with the weed often hand a few cigars to the carabinieri who, let them pass without being searched. Dogs, too, are used, each animal being packed with 50 lb. of tobacco and thrown into the water during the night. A swim from the boat to the beach, and a race home past the carabinieri is the work they have to do, and the man who can shoot a running dog on a dark night must be an expert with the rifle.

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 KOBE, FUKUOKA, SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, MANILA, Cebu, Suez & Port Said ... AKI MARU, Capt. K. Homma, T. 7,000, WEDNESDAY, 13th March, Daylight.

VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, ONI, & YOKOHAMA ... SHINABA MARU, Capt. Tomioka, T. 7,000, TUESDAY, 27th Feb., at Noon.
 ... TAMBA MARU, Capt. K. Nozaki, T. 7,000, TUESDAY, 26th March, at Noon.

VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE ... KAMAKURA MARU, Capt. K. Nozaki, T. 7,000, SATURDAY, 23rd Mar., from KOBE.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE ... NIKKO MARU, Capt. M. Yagi, T. 6,000, FRIDAY, 15th March, at Noon.
 ... KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, T. 6,000, FRIDAY, 12th April, at Noon.

KOBE & YOKOHAMA ... KAGA MARU, Capt. M. Hagino, T. 7,000, THURSDAY, 20th Feb., at 11 a.m.
 ... KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, T. 6,000, WEDNESDAY, 13th March, Noon.

SHANGHAI & KOBE ... KIRIN MARU, Capt. D. Deguchi, T. 4,000, MONDAY, 26th Feb.

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The next steamer to sail from Hongkong:

"JINSEN MARU" ... Tons 4,000 ... Capt. G. Mochida ... Feb. 10th.

1912 PASSENGER SEASON 1912

FOR EUROPE.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	From Hongkong
KAMO MARU	9,000	F. L. Sommer	Feb. 28th.
AKI MARU	7,000	K. Homma	Mar. 13th.
MISHIMA MARU	9,000	A. C. Mores	Mar. 27th.
KAGA MARU	7,000	M. Hagino	April 10th.
ATSUTA MARU	9,000	Wm. Thompson	April 24th.
HITACHI MARU	7,000	T. Yawawaki	May 8th.
MIYASAKI MARU	9,000	T. Mura	May 22nd.

FOR SEATTLE.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	From Hongkong
INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tomioka	Feb. 27th.
TAMBA MARU	7,000	K. Noda	Mar. 26th.
SANUKI MARU	7,000		April 9th.
AWA MARU	7,000	T. Iizawa	April 23rd.
INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tomioka	May 21st.

From Hongkong direct to Nagasaki 4 days, to Kobe 5 days and to Yokohama 6 days.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, etc., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Building, First Floor, Chater Road.

T. KUSUMOTO,

Manager.

CHINA NAVIGATION
CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For Steamers To Sail.

NINGPO & SHANGHAI ... "YOOHOW" ... 25th Feb. D'light.
 HAIPHONG (calls Hainan for) ... "SUNGKIANG" ... 25th " 10 a.m.
 mails only.

MANILA, Cebu & ILOILO ... "TAMING" ... 27th " 4 p.m.
 SHANGHAI ... "CHINHUA" ... 30th " 4 p.m.
 SHANGHAI ... "ANHUI" ... 2nd Mar. M'night.

DIRECT SAILING TO WEST RIVER, Twice Weekly.

S.S. "LINTAN" and S.S. "SANUL".

AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in Staterooms. A duly qualified Doctor is carried. REDUCED FARES: Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

MANILA LINE—Twin screw Steamers "Tean" and "Taming," saloon accommodation amidships; electric fans fitted; extra state-rooms on deck, aft. Saloon accommodation of s.s. "Kailong" is situated on deck, aft.

SHANGHAI LINE—FAST SCHEDULE TWIN-SCREW STEAMERS (Araki, Omasan, Linan, Ohinaka)—with excellent passenger accommodation. Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the Staterooms and Dining Saloon, leave Hongkong for Shanghai direct every Thursday and Sunday, taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

N.B.—Passengers must embark before midnight on Saturday for the Sunday morning sailings. A Company's launch leaves Murray Pier at 10 o'clock every Saturday night.

These steamers land passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transhipment at Woosung.

Reduced Fares:—Single \$45. Return \$75.
 For Freight or Passage apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
 Telephone No. 55.
 Hongkong, 24th February, 1912.

Shipping

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EAST ASIATIC SERVICE,
 Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES
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to
Marseilles, Havre, Bremen and Hamburg and New York.

Taking cargo at Through rates to all European North Continental and British Ports, also Trieste, Lisbon, Oporto, Genoa and other Mediterranean Levantine; Black Baltic Sea and Ports, and all North and South American Ports.

Next Sailings from Hongkong:

OUTWARD.

For Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama:

S.S. Delgravia ... 7th Mar.

S.S. Sachsen ... 18th Mar.

S.S. C. Ferd. Loeb ... 2nd April

S.S. Sthosia ... 10th April

S.S. Scandia ... 26th April

S.S. Baye ... 3rd May

HOMEWARD.

For Marseilles, Rotterdam & Hamburg:

S.S. "Ambra" ... 27th Feb.

S.S. "Sprea" ... 1st Mar.

S.S. "Goldofeld" ... 5th Mar.

S.S. "P. ... 14th Mar.

S.S. "Suevia" ... 20th Mar.

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LOG BOOK.

Naval Notes.

The flower of the British Fleet will greet their Majesties the King and Queen on their return from India, the first of the year's practice cruises having been so arranged that the First and Second Divisions of the Home Fleet will be able to take part in the welcome between two sets of exercises on the coast of Spain, in which the Atlantic Fleet will also co-operate. The Second Division of the Home Fleet and the Atlantic Fleet will be jointly associated in the "certain raiser" to the year's war training exercises and on their completion the Atlantic Fleet will proceed to Gibraltar to do homage to the sailor King, and the Home Fleet ships will shape course so as to fall in with the Medina at the entrance to the English Channel, and escort the Royal liner to Spithead. Here the First Division of the Home Fleet and all available ships of the Third Division will previously have assembled, so that the naval demonstration on the completion of the King's memorable cruise—allowing for certain unavoidable absences from the Third Division—will be made up, approximately, of the following numbers:

Battleships, Cruisers,
 First Division ... 8 ... 0
 Second Division ... 8 ... 4
 Third Division ... 10 ... 10

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To these 46 vessels must be added the four cruisers which form the Medina's escort, so that when the Royal liner drops anchor, and again when His Majesty disembarks, there will be salutes of twenty-one guns from fifty ships.

With different schools of thought existing in the Navy it is practically certain that opinion will be divided on many points in the War Staff scheme, although in the main it will be welcomed. There is, however, no cause for adverse criticism in regard to the appointment of an additional Civil Lord of the Admiralty as "buyer and business manager." Success

COMMERCIAL.

Share Report.

The following is Messrs. Wright and Hornby's report for the week ending Feb. 24th:—

Very few transactions in shares have taken place during the current week owing to the Chinese New Year holidays and the lull.

Rubber is quoted from London at 4.7 per lb. firm.

Bar Silver is quoted at 27 for ready and 26.7-8 for forward delivery.

Exchange on London opened today at 1.11-3.8. T.T.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have changed hand in considerable numbers at \$850 to \$872-1-2 cum div., also at \$840, \$842-1-2 and \$845 ex. dividend, and at the latter rate the market closes with buyers. The London price is £88 cum div. of £2.5.0.

Marine Insurances.—Unions have sold at \$850. North China have sold at \$150. Yangtze have sold at \$212-1-2 ex. 73.

Fire Insurances.—China Fires have sold at \$130, and there are further sellers at the rate; the directors have recommended a dividend of \$7.00 and bonus of \$2 for the year 1911.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are waiting at 25.1-4. Shell Transports have been sold to London at 93/-; the quotation received this morning from London is 92/- middle price. Indus 25 17.6.

Mining.—Langkats have sold at \$15. 77 and \$15. 78 and the market closes steady at the former rate.

Docks, etc.—Hongkong Docks are steady at \$11. Shanghai Docks have been done at \$15. 57. Kowloon Wharves have closed firm at \$53, after sales at the rate.

Land, etc.—Hongkong Lands have buyers at \$30. Humphreys Estates can be placed at \$61-1-1. Shanghai Lands \$10 ex. div.

Cottons.—Hongkong Cottons are wanted at \$5. Raw are quoted from Shanghai at \$15. 85.

The following are the telegraphic quotations received by us from London this morning:—

Shell Transports 492/- middle price
Tronohs 73/-
Anglo-Malaya 10/6
Bartons 5/-
Bali Tigas 70/6
Kamunings 5/3
London Asiatics 10/6
United Langkats 97/-
United Sordangs 107/-
Eastern Internationals 16/6

SCANDAL AT A DANCE.

Guests Searched for a Valuable Bag.

The "Daily Mail" describes a scene at a fashionable dance given at the Country Club at Lakewood on New Year's Eve. In the midst of the festivities one of the guests moved suddenly to the centre of the ballroom, raised her arm, and demanded that the doors should be locked. Instantly the music stopped and the dancers came to a standstill, while friends rushed to the side of the excited lady, who explained that a diamond-studded bag containing over £100 had been stolen from a chair where she had left it not five minutes before. The Country Club is a leading society organization at Lakewood. Everyone present at the dance was supposed to be representative of the best genealogical trees in the United States. The lady's declaration was followed by an embarrassed silence, while debutantes fled to their chaperons and the men gathered in chagrined groups. At length the lady's voice was heard demanding that a personal search should be made. She pointed to two gentlemen who were comparative strangers to Lakewood. One of the two smilingly expressed his perfect willingness to submit to a search while the other declared that such a search would be an outrage and an insult to the friend who introduced him. Finally both gentlemen followed the committee to an adjoining room. They were searched, and the result was a negative one. The incident put a sudden end to the festivities, and caused many of the guests to depart indignantly for New York. The thief has not been discovered.

To day's Advertisement

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

DURING my absence and until further notice Mr. MOWBRAY STAFFORD KORTHCOTE has been appointed ACTING SECRETARY. By Order of the Board of Directors. A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th Feb. 1912. [157]

Public Companies

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce will be held on THURSDAY, the 25th February, 1912, at 4 o'clock p.m. precisely, in the Old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, for the following purposes:—

(1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1911.
(2) To elect a new Committee.
(3) To transact any General Business.

By Order, E. A. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd Feb. 1912. [1132]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

THE FORTY-THIRD MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 7th March, 1912, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ending 31st December 1911.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd February to 7th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, H. F. HICKMAN, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th Feb. 1912. [1167]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY AGENTS Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the General Managers at 12 Noon on TUESDAY, 24th instant, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1911, and the Report of the General Managers.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 1st instant, to 23rd instant both days inclusive.

JARVINE, MATTHEWSON & CO. LTD., General Managers.

Hongkong, 12th Feb. 1912. [1158]

THE HONGKONG BENEFICENT SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the City Hall on TUESDAY, 27th inst., at 12 Noon.

Hongkong, 20th Feb. 1912. [1186]

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

AS THE COMPANY'S FINANCIAL YEAR ends on 20th February it is particularly requested that all outstanding accounts against the Company be presented for payment before that date.

DODWELL & CO. LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th Feb. 1912. [1174]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND DECLARED for the Half Year ending 31st December 1911, at the rate of Two Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Five Shillings Sterling per Share of £125 is payable on and after TUESDAY, the 20th day of February. Or to the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors, N. J. STABB, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 17th Feb. 1912. [1183]

THE FAMINE IN CHINA.

EIGHT Families Die in an area of 10,000 square miles.

TWO and a half million people facing starvation.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO-DAY.

IT WILL HELP TO SAVE LIFE.

Treasurer, H. C. GULLAND, Esq., Manager, Inter-national Steam Navigation Company, Shanghai.

Hongkong, 21st Jan. 1912. [1111]

E. C. WILKS, M. E. M. R. E. A. M. N. A., Consulting Engineer and Surveyor for construction, Valuer and Assessor for the purchase, or sale, of Steamships or Launches.

ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, 2nd Floor, Hongkong, 1st May, 1911. [130]

Consignees

AMERICAN-ASIATIC S.S. CO. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship

"KALOMO."

Captain W. Keadley, having arrived from the above port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, 28th inst., at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th inst., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SHEWAN TOMES & CO. General Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd Feb. 1912. [195]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"YORCK."

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th of February, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th of February, at 10.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 7th of March, 1912, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MUELLERS & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd Feb. 1912. [121]

FROM ROTTERDAM.

THE H.M.L. Steamship

"SUEVIA."

Captain Hansen, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained against Bills of Lading countersigned by the undersigned.

Optional goods will be carried on unless notice to the contrary is given to-day.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd inst., at 9.0 a.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

This steamer brings on cargo:—

Ex S.S. "Ellen" from Skien.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 17th Feb. 1912. [112]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"ARRATON APOAR."

having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed at once at consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 4 p.m. of the 20th instant, will be landed at consignees' risk and expense.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their goods from alongside, such cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SABBOON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st Feb. 1912. [1196]

Banks

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION. CAPITAL PAID UP... Gold \$3,500,000. RESERVE FUND... Gold \$3,500,000. Gold \$6,500,000.

HEAD OFFICE:—

60 Wall Street, New York.

LONDON OFFICE:—

86, Bishopsgate.

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BANK OF ENGLAND, NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND, LTD.

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BRANCHES AND AGENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

THE Corporation transacts every description of Banking and Exchange Business, receives money on Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on daily balances and accepts Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—

For 12 months 4 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.

For 3 months 3 per cent. per annum.

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 3 per cent. per annum on Daily Balances and on Fixed Deposits at—

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SHORT SERMON.

The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. . . Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity. Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them. —Psalms, lxxii, 7-10.

But, for the fact that human nature is a whole three thousand years ago was about the same as it is now, one might fancy David, as foreseeing this day of ours, wherein we seek for leaders who will guide us aright; wherein we are surrounded by some measure of trust in oppression, some measure of vanity, in robbery and much faith in riches.

Laws, customs and countless external have changed, since the sweet singer of Israel attained his lips to praise of the Divine. The inner being is not radically different. To this inner being, when we give it a chance to see straightly, the world's estimate of "greatness" fades into a mere mist of make-believe.

So many "men of high degree are a lie."

So many "men of low degree are vanity," also.

For the inner being sees neither high nor low. It is concerned with truth, and to it every man is worthy of consideration only in such measure as he is true.

To this inner being there looms against the horizon of night and days one mighty fortress. Towering above the petty things of our brief existence are the peaks of Tibet overshadow the plains from which they rise, this far-seeing eye catches a glimpse of the God who is truth in every segment of truth.

Only a little experience with men is needed to convince even the most trusting that human and material surroundings can be trusted only to a certain and very limited degree.

Only a little experience with finite weaknesses turns man to the strength of the Infinite.

Then, somewhere—we know not just where—not near at hand, we touch with the outstretched hands of the spirit a ledge of granite that is sure, and that granite is God. It is the divine, the source and the goal of all things that be.

Strength founded on that rock will serve through storms and struggles. Like the story of love, it is renewed each day, each hour, and ever grows greater and more potent.

To seek refuge in the shadow of that rock is to seek refuge where nothing of this world can inflict more than passing harm or discomfort; where the assurance of the strength of God renders even such ephemeral interruptions powerless to hurt. And the weariest wayfarer, foot-sore and worn with the climb, is as sure of the protection of this immovable shelter as the most favoured traveller, —yes, more sure, for his welcome is like that given the returning prodigal.

He was lost and is found again; was dead and is alive! Here, in the shadow of the Almighty, we may find peace when we have learned from life that it is vain to seek peace among men; here we may find something sure in which to repose trust when we have learned that neither in oppression nor in robbery is there satisfying gain.

And here, in the quiet of that communion which the least may hold with the Spirit of all things, the glow of riches, which once was a goal worthy of strife and effort, goes out, pale by the mightiness of the Light of Love. In Him we rest secure, soothed and comforted by the inner consciousness that we have found that which is worth while; that which suffices the hunger of the heart and quenches the soul's thirst.

PHOTOGRAPHIC NOTES.

USEFUL HINTS FOR AMATEURS.

Facts about Retouching.
There are two kinds of retouching, the mechanical and the artistic. The mechanical is usually the result of working for a "stipple" or grain—more attention being paid to that than to the artistic quality of the flesh-technique. To preserve that which is already beautiful and characteristic, or to produce the same, is the most difficult part of the art of retouching. As retouching begins with the beginning of a picture, retouching, from its highest technical standpoint is intended to perfect a well lighted and well timed and a well developed negative. A few leading hints may not be amiss. Avoid the tendency to use as bright a light as possible to illuminate the subject. Success is more readily attained in the softer yet brilliant lights. This lessens the tendency to blocked lights and empty shadows and to the ill effects resulting from too strong an illumination. Next to this, avoid the tendency to produce very sharply focused images, which makes objects sharper than nature—microscopically sharp, so to speak. Such work produces an effect of hardness and gives a decided definiteness to the already existing imperfections. Give rather a full exposure, almost an overexposure. This softens the effect and in its result is more like nature. The imperfections do not stand out so strongly, and therefore less work is required with the pencil. There is great latitude in plates, especially in the case of full exposures.

Hints Worth Remembering.
A combined bath is one in which the toning and fixing of a print is completed in one solution. A tried and proved formula for a combined solution is made as follows: Hypo, 1.1-2 ounces; chloride of gold, 3 grains; water, 7.1-2 ounces. When mixed add a few drops of chalk in suspension. This renders the bath neutral and insures permanency in the prints. Place the prints in this bath without previous washing. They tone very quickly, so it is wise to tone only three or four at a time. As soon as toned place in a salt stop bath, an ounce of salt to 16 of water. Leave them five minutes, then wash well and dry.

To change the colour of blue prints to violet place them in a solution of household ammonia, one ounce to a pint of water. Do not wash the prints after soaking them in the ammonia solution. A stronger or weaker bath may be used as the prints seem to require. One can also get a better print from a thin negative by printing through a sheet of ground glass.

Use non-halation plates for interiors where windows are included in the angle of view. Never try to back plates. It is far more satisfactory and much less trouble to use the plates prepared specially to avoid halation. In backing plates one is very likely to injure the film and, of course, the work must be done by a very dim light.

Clean your porcelain trays from uranium stains by using a strong solution of washing soda. In using uranium it is a good idea to protect the fingers with rubber finger-tips, a set of three costing about 40 cents. This will help you to avoid stains on the hands when working with uranium.

POST OFFICE.

Only fully prepaid letters and post-cards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europe.

The Parcel Post system to the following places in China is for the present suspended:—Hupoh, Szechuan, Hunan, Kueichow and Tientsin.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

January 31st. February 16th.
February 3rd. February 20th.

MAILS DUE.

Siberian, Chinita, 25th inst.
American, Mongolia, 26th inst.
Siberian, Ernest Simon, 26th inst.
American, Persia, 12th prox.

MAILS CLOSE.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Hanching, 25th Feb., 9 a.m.
Huihow, Tientsin and Quichin—Per Helene, 25th Feb., 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Tientsin—Per Kaiti-maru, 25th Feb., 9 a.m.

Hai-phong and Hai-phong (taking Mail for Pakhoi)—Per Sing-kang, 25th Feb., 9 a.m.

Saigon—Per Phenompen, 25th Feb., 9 a.m.

Bangkok—Per Landat Schiff, 25th Feb., 9 a.m.

Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay—Per Nippon, 25th Feb., 10 a.m.

Yokohama and Kobe—Per Paik, 26th Feb., 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 26th Feb., 1.15 p.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Tourane, 26th Feb., 5 p.m.

Swatow—Per Hamun, 27th Feb., 10 a.m.

Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Yokohama, Victoria and Seattle (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Inab-maru, 27th Feb., 10 a.m.

EUROPE, INDIA VIA TUTORIN.—(Late Letters 11.00 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first Clearance will be included in this contract mail.)—Per Ernest Simon, 27th Feb., 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 27th Feb., 1.15 p.m.

Shanghai, Kobe and Moji—Per Arratoon Apear, 27th Feb., 2 p.m.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Taming, 27th Feb., 3 p.m.

Singapore, Penang and Colombo—Per Kaiti-maru, 27th Feb., 5 p.m.

Fort Bayard and Hai-phong—Per Sing-kang, 28th Feb., 8 a.m.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per Gregory Apear, 24th Feb., noon.

Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama—Per Nubi, 23th Feb., 5 p.m.

Manila, Mangarita, Iloilo and Cebu—Per Rubi, 23th Feb., 3 p.m.

Shanghai—Per Chinita, 24th Feb., 3 p.m.

Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe—Per Austria, 1st Mar., 11 a.m.

Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Timor, Port Darwin, Tharadai Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per Eastern, 2nd Mar., 9 a.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Hongkong and San Francisco (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Mongolia, 2nd Mar., 10 a.m.

EUROPE, INDIA VIA TUTORIN.—(Late Letters 11.00 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday 1st Mar., at 6 p.m.—Per Assago 2nd Mar., 11 a.m.

Cebu and Iloilo—Per Long-sang 2nd Mar., 1 p.m.

SHANGHAI, Siberian Mail to Europe—Per Anahol, 2nd Mar., 6 p.m.

Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, EUROPE, INDIA VIA TUTORIN.—(Late Letters 11.00 a.m. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)—Per J. E. Frits, 5th Mar., 11 a.m.

Shanghai, Kobe and Moji—Per Fook-sang, 7th Mar., 11 a.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

The s.s. Mongolia is due to arrive at Hongkong on the 26th inst., at daylight.

The s.s. Rubi was to leave Manila today, and is due here on the 27th inst., at daylight.

The B. & A. s.s. Empress left Sydney on the 22nd inst. for this port via Queensland ports, Timor and Manila.

The Shire Line s.s. Den of Glamis left Singapore for Hongkong on the 23rd inst., and may be expected on the 1st prox.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. Mon-o-gle arrived at Yokohama at 7 a.m., yesterday, and left again at 11 a.m., same day for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 2 p.m., on the 24th inst.

ARRIVALS.

Kalomo, Br. s.s., 3,207, W. Kenney, 22nd Feb.—New York and Sabang 18th Feb.—Gen.—S. T. & Co.

Tranquebar, Danish s.s., 2,227, E. de Licht, 23rd Feb.—Singapore 16th Feb.—Gen.—Order.

Phranang, Ger. s.s., 1,021, N. C. Reher, 23rd Feb.—Bangkok 11th Feb.—Rice—B. & S.

Haiching, Br. s.s., 1,263, W. G. Passmore, 23rd Feb.—Foochow via Amoy and Swatow 2nd Feb.—Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Larvies, Br. s.s., 1,350, Chas. E. Page, 23rd Feb.—Saigon 19th Feb.—Rice—Wo Fat Sing.

Childar, Br. s.s., 1,102, H. Nilsson, 24th Feb.—Bangkok 16th Feb.—Rice—A. T. & Co.

Linan, Br. s.s., 1,250, C. C. Williams, 24th Feb.—Canton 23rd Feb.—Rice—B. & S.

Peking Chi, Br. s.s., 998, F. R. Howie, 24th Feb.—Canton 23rd Feb.—Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Coblentz, Ger. s.s., 2,000, L. Klagkist, 24th Feb.—Yokohama 16th Feb.—Mail and Gen.—M. & Co.

Suisang, Br. s.s., 1,776, M. Picknell, 24th Feb.—Sourabaya 14th Feb.—Sugar—J. M. Co.

Man-maru, for Canton, Swatow, for Bangkok, Spir, for Sourabaya, Chong Shing, for Canton, Yohow, for Shanghai, Sungking, for Hai-phong, Petchaburi, for Singapore, Tencor, for Liverpool, Yuenang, for Manila, Kwong-sang, for Shanghai, Phenompen, for Saigon, Hai hing, for Foochow, Chipping, for Tientsin, Rajaburi, for Bangkok, Ching, for Hongay, Helene, for Tientsin, Niyo-maru, for Tokyo, Hopang, for Singapore.

DEPARTED.
Feb. 24.
Express of Japan, for Victoria, 3.40 a.m., for Amoy, Yuenow, for Canton, On Sang, for Canton, Haka-maru, for Bombay, Lalapp, for Calcutta, Yuenang, for Manila, Hain-hi, for Shanghai, Kwong-sang, for Shanghai, Koma, for Yokohama, Chipping, for Tientsin, Kemon, for Vancouver, Jansen, for Bangkok, Petchaburi, for Singapore, Rajaburi, for Bangkok, Tranquebar, for Shanghai, Kunchow, for Saigon, Kinkiang, for Canton, Kung Ping, for Canton.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.
Per s.s. Taming, arrived 23rd Feb., from Manila:
Abela, P. W. Hammond, J.
Alonso, T. S. Jao, Y.
Baldwin, N. M. Kelian, Miss J.
Bulman, L. Kogis, C.
Bun, M. Kaga, Y.
Callowell, Mrs. E. Lora, J.
C. O. Mrs. P. K. McRee, Miss P.
Coke, R. W. Pick, Mr. & Mrs.
Crampton, L. R. J. K.
D. Gentry, Mrs. J. E. R. R.
W. Roxas, A.
Edwards, F. Roxas, F.
Evangelist, C. Storp, J. P.
Espinoza, M. O. Schneider, J. P.
Fowler, Mrs. J. C. Torres, M.
Filder, B. E. Vaymas, J. J.
Gonz, G. Vale en, Y.
Hul, W. B.

PASSENGERS DEPARTED.
Per s.s. Nib, sailed on 23rd Feb., for San Francisco, &c.:
Anderson, C. A. Lee, Hammond
Bun Khun, F. W. Lyall, Miss M.
Baldwin, Capt. Lee, G. H.
Tos S. Lyall, Miss D.
Dunster, Mrs. W. McRee, Miss M.
H. Marlow, Miss D.
Chew Pak-yee, Natindji, J.
Coke, Mrs. C. W. New, W. G.
Callan, L. J. Baker, Mr. & Mrs.
Dechen, H. J. Mrs. F. K.
Echenberg, A. P. Blackwell, O. T.
Fitch, M. A. R. Stimp, J. V.
Foster, Mrs. J. A. Schindler, J. P.
Goeppert, G. J. Tuten, J. W.
Hinton, L. E. Wright, J. W.
Kidd, Mrs. T. W. Wilson, Miss
Kitt, Louie Wong Wah-sing
Kesting, W. E. Wynne, J. P.
Kilian, Miss J.

VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

Arratoon Apear, Br. s.s., 2,031, F. H. Hudson, 23rd Feb.—Calcutta and Straits 6th Feb.—Gen.—D. S. & Co.

Bohemis, Aust. s.s., 2,305, Bartoli, 19th Feb.—Shanghai 16th Feb.—Gen.—S. W. & Co.

Cholsing, Ger. s.s., 1,021, J. Bruhn, 16th Feb.—Manila 13th Feb.—Ballast—B. & S.

Derawongse, Ger. s.s., 1,067, E. Gattermann, 16th Feb.—Bangkok and Swatow 8th Feb.—Rice and Meal—B. & S.

Foo Shing, Br. s.s., 1,423, W. D. Welch, 21st Feb.—Hai-phong 16th Feb.—Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Fri. Npr. s.s., 860, C. G. Wagle, 22nd Feb.—Saigon 16th Feb.—Rice—T. & Co.

Gregory Apear, Br. s.s., 2,061, S. H. Bolton, 21st Feb.—Moji 16th Feb.—Gen.—D. S. & Co.

Hakushika Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,361, S. Suda, 17th Feb.—Manila, Coal—Hoas Company.

Hellas, Ger. s.s., 846, M. Berg, 19th Feb.—Bangkok 11th Feb.—Rice—G. L. & Co.

Hopsang, Br. s.s., 1,359, J. M. Hay, 14th Feb.—Hongay 8th Feb.—Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Hunan, Br. s.s., 1,183, Speed, 16th Feb.—Hongay 16th Feb.—Coal—B. & S.

Inaba Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,837, S. Tomioka, 18th Feb.—Seattle, etc., 16th Jan., Gen.—N. Y. K.

Kaijo Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,800, Yamamoto, 21st Feb.—Tamsui, etc., 20th Feb.—Canton—O. S. K.

Kiang Ping, Br. s.s., 1,222, H. Uden, 21st Feb.—Wuhu and Chinkiang 16th Feb.—Gen.—Tung Lee & Co.

Kinkiang, Br. s.s., 1,223, Robertson, 21st Feb.—Wuhu 16th Feb.—Gen.—B. & S.

Kung-t Companion, Br. s.s., 1,175, J. Kiudall, 21st Feb.—Philadelphina 24th Dec. Case oil—S. O. Co.

Landrat Schiff, Ger. s.s., 1,012, O. Bruger, 17th Feb.—Bangkok and Swatow 16th Feb.—Gen.—S. & Co.

Maehew, Ger. s.s., 998, R. G. Zollner, 18th Feb.—Bangkok 11th Feb.—Rice—B. & S.

Marie, Ger. s.s., 1,100, Schalktler, 22nd Feb.—Saigon 18th Feb.—Gen.—J. & Co.

Mexico Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,759, N. Kobayashi, 20th Feb.—Tacoma via Japan 20th Jan., Gen.—O. S. K.

Milton, Br. s.s., 2,094, W. R. Williams, 22nd Feb.—Cardiff 23rd Dec. Fuel—D. & Co.

Michael Jensen, Ger. s.s., 951, J. Petersen, 20th Feb.—Saigon 16th Feb.—Rice—J. & Co.

Phenompen, Br. s.s., 1,025, Jas. H. Scott, 18th Feb.—Saigon 14th Feb.—Gen.—Wo Fat Sing.

Sabine, Blackmore, Dutch s.s., 578, Pries, 19th Feb.—Hai-phong 17th Feb.—Kerosine oil—A. P. Co.

Shinmai Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,752, K. Nagata, 20th Feb.—Manila 16th Feb.—Ballast—Order.

Sungking, Br. s.s., 987, H. Mathias, 21st Feb.—Hoihow 20th Feb.—Gen.—B. & S.

Spir, Nor. s.s., 890, Horn, 16th Feb.—Manila 12th Feb.—Ballast—A. T. & Co.

Taming, Br. s.s., 1,850, G. H. Pennefather, 23rd Feb.—Manila 20th Feb.—B. & S.

Tamon Maru No. 1, Jap. s.s., 1,142, Kawasaki, 22nd Feb.—Port Arthur 15th Feb.—Coal—M. B. K.

Taiwan, Br. s.s., McKeeknie, 21st Feb.—Saigon 14th Feb.—Rice—Order.

Tencor, Br. s.s., 5,305, W. Yarwood, 19th Feb.—Vancouver via Japan 14th Feb.—Flour—B. & S.

Yohow, Br. s.s., 2,127, E. J. Pottinger, 21st Feb.—Daly via Ports 15th Feb.—Gen.—B. & S.

SHIPS PASSED THE CANAL.
2nd Feb.—Olympic, Prinz Ludwig, Nelson, 6th Feb.—Indrawadi, Kaga Maru, Guntarret, Tonsara, 9th Feb.—Alcinous, Belgravia, Sumatra, Syria, Indradelli, Jan-ta, 19th Feb.—Annand Boile, Benlomond, Brasilia, Dabighshire, Montrose, St. Patrick, 16th Feb.—Dulow, Dortmund, Duoro Castle, Iyo Maru, Prinzess Alice, 20th Feb.—Atsuta Maru, Benlomond, Ceylon, Chiyu, Meachon, Nara, Pak Ling, Schuykhill, Tenkai, 23rd Feb.—Achilles, Munster Castle, Ptolemy, Tonkin, Arabien, Glesberg.

Arrival at Hong—6th Feb.—Oakley, Denoncel, Silhonia, 9th Feb.—Indramayu, Kifano Maru, Pries Ludwig, Pries 19th Feb.—Santay, Prometheus, 16th Feb.—Calodonia, Persens, 23th Feb.—Edipsa, 23rd Iyo Maru.

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